

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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NEW NATIONAL HIGHWAYS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to construct new national highways across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government of Kerala had submitted proposal for a new national highway via Bharanikkavu-Vandiperiyar route;
- (d) if so, the status thereof; and
- (e) the estimated cost for the proposed national highway and the time frame for its completion?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI KRISHANPAL GURJAR)

(a) to (e) Expansion of National Highway network is a continuous process and declaration of new National Highway is taken from time to time depending upon requirement of connectivity, inter-se priority and availability of funds. Proposals for declaration of more than 1000 kms of roads as new National Highway have been received from State Government of Kerala in the past. About 243 kms of roads including the stretch from Adur to Vandiperiyar have been declared as new National Highway in the State of Kerala in the last three years and the current year. There is no provision to sanction/release of funds for declaration of roads as new National Highway.